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THE DELEGATIONS.

Fet Projects to Be Promoted by the Various States.
The California Exhibit Their Proverbial Hospitality—McConnell and His River—Montana and the Railroad.

The delegations began to arrive Saturday evening. Sunday morning the advance guard of the California representatives met their appearance, headed by S. K. Thornton, vice-president of the California Miners' association. The main body of the Golden State delegation came in this morning with their colors and opened their headquarters at the city hall, with the proverbial California liberality.

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Two dozen cases of the vintage of '49 and baskets of the finest fruits of the golden sands were stored in readiness for a grand reception, as a preliminary to capturing the next congress for San Francisco. Honorable John F. Irish, the only senator to be elected, was the big as life. The Sacramento delegation is an exceedingly strong body of men with H. Westcott, the Sacramento mill owner, who is chairman of the California delegation. Will E. Green, of Colusa county and George O. Decker of Yuba are a pair of "snappers," and they will be heard from when the congress settles down to heavy work.

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North Dakota is ably represented by Governor Shortridge, a man after the mould of Allen G. Thurman, with gray chin whiskers and an intelligent face and square, aggressive jaw. He wants a set of things brought about by the congress that will put the national representatives at Washington in line with the necessities of the west.

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"The California delegation," he said, "has agreed to ask for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of California after the plans suggested by the government engineers. The California delegation is represented by the Bigges' bill, passed by Congress when Robert Lincoln was secretary of war. The engineers reported that the only way to improve the river tributary to the Sacramento and San Joaquin was by building restraining dams, preventing the river from flowing into the navigable streams. Then, by dredging, navigation could be maintained at the same time, and the river could be used without interference to navigation. This would be to the interest of the farmer and miner, and would prevent the river from being used by the wash of the debris."

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THE MONTANA FIGHT.
Montana Democrats have reason to know and fear G. W. Irvine, for he was the Republican who played one faction against the other in the state, and he is now the champion of a Democratic senator when the Democrats had a clear majority at Washington.

Irvine is a diplomat among diplomats and he will be heard in the congress on a measure that concerns his state more than any other. He is the state mineral commissioner and has charge of the fight against the Northern Pacific railway, which claims title to nearly all the best mining lands in the state. He wants Congress to appoint a commission to investigate the mineral and other lands.

LIBERTY BELL ON ITS WAY TO CHICAGO.
The continental state "feels its oats" considerably and is still appearing over the victory it secured over the gold bugs at the last presidential election